

Mary Slater Colledge 1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Mary Ann Slater Colledge, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Webb Slater, was born in Lehi, Utah July 27, 1872 in an adobe-house on the north west corner of the tabernacle block.

At the age of two, the Slater family moved to a homestead on the hill one half mile north of the present Third Ward Church.

She experienced all of the hardships of pioneer life. Due to her father's ill health, her mother took in laundry to help support the family, and Mary helped strip sugar cane for molasses. She was baptized a member of the Latter-day Saint Church May 14, 1880.

Her education was meager. She attended the Franklin School under David Evans, and St. Mary's Academy while her mother was working in Salt Lake.

One of the highlights of her life was when she had the privilege of giving a reading in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

As a girl, she worked in the boarding house at Eureka and Silver City during the boom days.

After marriage, she devoted her time in the rearing of her family and domestic affairs.

She was the mother to seven children, five having died in infancy.

At present, she is living in town, does considerable temple work, and is a Relief Society teacher in the Fifth Ward.

Her surviving children are as follows: Eunice (Mrs. John Hutchings); Thomas A, John A. and Eva (Mrs. Oxborrow)of Lehi. Evera (Mrs. J.A. Miles) of San Francisco; and Joseph M. (Provo).